

**The Kentucky Board of Interpreters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
October 23, 2009**

A meeting of the Kentucky Board of Interpreters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing was conducted on October 23, 2009 at the Division of Occupations and Professions, 911 Leewood Drive, Frankfort, KY.

**Members Present**

Artie Grassman, Chair  
Timothy Owens – Vice Chair  
Dr. Joyce Wilder  
Hunter Bryant  
Daniel Roush

**Occupations and Professions**

Wil King, Board Administrator  
Frances Short, Division Director  
David Garr, Deputy Executive Director

**Members Absent**

Teresa Moon-Flaherty  
Russell Anderson

**Others**

Michael West, Assistant Attorney General  
Robyn Hobson, Policy Committee Chair  
Jeremy Sceifers – Interpreter  
Linda Bozeman – Interpreter  
Colleen Oyler—Licensee

Artie Grassman, Board Chair called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

The board reviewed the minutes from the August 18, 2009 meeting. Dr. Wilder made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Financial Statement**

The board reviewed the financial statement. Mr. Owens made a motion to approve the statement as presented. Dr. Wilder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Director's Report**

Frances Short introduced Mr. David Garr who will be the new Deputy Executive Director, replacing Barbara Rucker.

Ms. Short stated that beginning January 1, 2010 Office of Occupations and Professions will be implementing a new process to send renewal notices to Licensees. The postcard will direct Licensee to the appropriate website to complete the renewal online, to print the forms from the website to mail, or to contact the office to request a paper copy of the renewal application. Ms. Short stated that this will substantially reduce postal charges for the boards and will ensure that Licensees have familiarity with the websites and all the resources available on the websites.

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Ms. Short reported that she had met with the IT group of the Public Protection Cabinet with regard to the ongoing database project. The group has created a mock-up of the new database and Ms. Short stated that she was pleased with it thus far. Ms. Short informed the board that she plans to have weekly update meetings with them and anticipates the project being complete in about 10 months.

### **Board Chair Report**

Robyn Hobson, Policy Committee Chair, informed the Board that the Policy Committee has met twice to date. They have been in discussion over whether a score of 4.0 or higher on the EIPA (Educational Interpreter's Performance Assessment) is equivalent to being RID certified for purposes of licensure. The Policy Committee will meet again on December 3, 2009 from 1-4pm at KCDHH (KY Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing).

### **Interpreter Status Report**

There are currently 295 active Licensees (Permanent and Temporary). Seventy-three licensees have been terminated. There were 41 non-renewals; the Board has received 7 Exit Interview Forms. It was requested by the Board to be able to cross-check who has converted a Temporary license to a Permanent license. It was also suggested that the Board raise the fee for a license, and to survey KY border-states for their licensure fees.

### **Old Business**

The Board discussed the online renewal process and the ability to carry-over CEUs earned in excess of the required amount per 201 KAR 39:090—Section 8. (It can be done on paper, but cannot be processed online.)

Frances Short informed the Board that the licensure cards have been delayed due to a computer glitch. Mr. Roush made a motion to eliminate the issuance of licensure cards, seconded by Dr. Wilder. Ms. Grassman asked to add this to the agenda for discussion at the December 2009 meeting.

### **New Business**

The Board discussed the practice of Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) and whether KY licensure laws apply. The members agreed that VRI service is similar to that of Video Relay Service

(VRS) and that the interpreter must have a KY license if s/he physically practices in the Commonwealth of KY.

**Complaints**

Complaint (0902) Pending

Complaint (0904) Pending

Complaint (0907) A motion was made by Dr. Wilder to send a letter to the agency that used an unlicensed interpreter. Mr. Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried

Complaint (0908) Dr. Wilder made a motion to dismiss this complaint. Mr. Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 2:05pm Mr. Owens made a motion to go in to Executive Session to discuss issues brought to the Board's attention by Colleen Oyler. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Owens made a motion to go out of Executive Session at 3:10pm. Dr. Wilder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Dr. Wilder made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Board: After further consideration by the Board and based upon the original intent and ongoing practices we have decided ITP graduates with a Bachelor's degree shall be eligible for a temporary license and to practice in the community. Mr. Roush seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Applications for Licensure**

Mr. Owens made a motion to accept the committee's recommendations regarding applications.

Betsy Peasel – Approved pending fee

Valerie Spence - Pending

Mr. Roush seconded. Motion carried

**Approval for Travel and Per Diem**

Mr. Owens made a motion to approve travel and per diem for today's meeting. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Scheduled Meetings**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Division of Occupations and Professions located at 911 Leawood Drive, Frankfort, Kentucky

With no further business to conduct, the board adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Approved

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Artie Grassman  
Board Chair